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Operative G T Purdy.

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Re: Jane Gibson,  
her second husband, Harry Ketchke, 626 @ 56th St. Bklyn.

Operative went to Local #52 of the United House Smiths Metal Furniture & Metal Trim Erectors at 604 Third Ave. and inquired if there was a man named Harry Ketchke on their books. Was informed that he was living at 626 56th Street, Brooklyn, N.Y. The secretary of the local did not know where he was working and called Ketchke's home on the telephone (Sunset 1492). Mrs. Ketchke answered the telephone and stated that she did not know where her husband was working, but that it was some where in Long Island. She further stated that he would be home at 6 P.M.

At 6:15 P.M. operative arrived at the home of Mr. Ketchke and there interviewed him. Operative asked him for a private talk and he replied that they are one and if it did not matter I could talk to both of them. At first he denied that he knew Mary Eisleitner or that he was ever married to her and would not answer any questions. His wife seemed to have full control over him and he was afraid to open his mouth. He would start to talk and operative noticed that she would look at him in such a manner that he would stop in the middle of a sentence. They would neither admit nor deny the fact that Ketchke was married to the Gibson woman. They are highly respected in the vicinity and do not want any publicity. They mentioned that they read the story in the newspapers of Mr. Kesserling's marriage and divorce of the Gibson woman and they are afraid of receiving the same publicity. Operative asked him if he had his divorce decree and he stated that he tore it up.

Later he again denied that he married Mary Eisleitner at all, and when I told him he had said he tore the divorce decree up, he did not answer that question. When operative would ask him a question he would sit and grin, his wife doing most of the talking, asking questions about the murders. At this point their door bell rang and I observed them received some company. I could not further question them on this Subject at this time. Mr. Ketchke walked to the hall with me and operative remained there for a few minutes talking with him.

Operative asked him when he married her, but he would not answer. He said he would have to have some time to think it over. He asked me to call him on the telephone to-morrow night at 7 P.M. I told him I would do so.

Respectfully submitted:  
G.T.P.